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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: CIVIL
AVIATION - TRAINING AND EDUCATION (05.0405). SOVIET
DENIAL OF VISA FOR US DEL MEMBERS

REF: MOSCOW 5612, MOSCOW 6071, MOSCOW 6143, MOSCOW 6698
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1. DOT ADVISED DEPARTMENT T;AT SOVIET EMBASSY HERE HAS
REFUSED TO ISSUE VISA TO RICHARD J. QUENNAN, VICE PRESI-
DENT OF EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY AND MEMBER
OF TWO-MAN US DEL UNDER TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT CIVIL
AVIATION TRAINING PROJECT, IN RETALIATION FOR OUR EARLIER
DENIAL OF BUSVIS VISA TO K. A. AKSENOV. WE HAVE CON-
FIRMED DIRECTLY WITH SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT
QUENNAN'S VISA HAS BEEN DENIED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM
MOSCOW AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION.
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FYI: AKSENOV (SEE MOSCOW 6071) SOUGHT TO VISIT SPERRY-
UNIVAC FACILITIES AND WAS DENIED A VISA PRINCIPALLY
BECAUSE OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES. END FYI.

2. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT EXEC SEC RAMUNDO INTENDS TO
MAKE MAJOR ISSUE OF THE MATTER WITH HIS SCST COUNTERPART
ISHCHENKO, SINCE SOVIET RETALIATION IS FOR ACTION NOT

RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT. RAMUNDO IS ALSO GIVING CONSIDERATION TO NOT ACCEPTING SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR CIVIL AVIATION WORKING GROUP MEETING BEFORE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS AIRWORTHINESS AND OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO SOVIETS, BUT NOT OF MAJOR INTEREST TO THE US.

3. OTHER MEMBER OF US TRAINING PROJECT DELEGATION IS JACK R. HUNT, PRESIDENT OF EMBRY-RIDDLE. HUNT IS CURRENTLY IN EUROPE BUT DOT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY AND GET HIS REACTION. HE MAY PROCEED WITH PLANS TO ARRIVE MOSCOW MAY 29 AS DOT PLANS TO LET HUNT DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH VISIT. SHOULD HE ARRIVE ALONE, EMBASSY MIGHT, AT ITS DISCRETION, SEEK TO HAVE SCIOFF ACCOMPANY HUNT FOR AT LEAST PART OF ITINERARY.

4. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO IMPRESS ON SOVIETS

THAT CAPRICIOUS RETALIATION FOR UNRELATED MATTERS CAN ONLY WORK AGAINST THEIR INTERESTS. FURTHER, SUCH ACTIONS DISRUPT THE EFFORTS OF BOTH SIDES TO DEVELOP SMOOTHLY OPERATING COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. REQUEST EMBASSY THEREFORE --PERHAPS AT POL COUNSELOR LEVEL--FIRMLY MAKE THESE POINTS AT MFA TO REINFORCE DOT-SCST CHANNEL.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL DO SAME WITH SOVIET EMBASSY. VANCE

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